

background checks have been initiated but not completed.

(cc) *Temporary employees.* This category includes nonstatus appointments to a competitive service position for a specified period, not to exceed a year. This includes summer hires, student interns, and NAFI flexible category employees.

(dd) *Volunteer activities.* Activities where individuals offer assistance on an unpaid basis in child and youth programs or other activities on DoD installations. Examples include sports programs, religious programs, scouting programs, and preschools sponsored by private parent cooperatives or other associations conducted on the installation.

(ee) *Volunteers.* Individuals who offer program assistance on an unpaid basis.

(ff) *Youth programs.* DoD-sponsored activities, events, services, opportunities, information, and individual assistance responsive to the recreational, developmental, social, psychological, and cultural needs of eligible children and youth. Includes before and after school programs as well as holiday and summer camps.

§ 86.4 Policy.

It is Department of Defense policy to:

(a) Establish a standardized and comprehensive process for screening applicants for positions involving child care services on DoD installations and in DoD activities.

(b) Provide fair, impartial, and equitable treatment before an individual may be deemed suitable to serve as an employee, a certified care provider, a specified volunteer position, or as an individual employed under contract in activities covered by this part, 32 CFR part 310, Federal Personnel Manual (FPM), 32 CFR part 154, DoD Directive 6400.1, DoD Instruction 6060.2, DoD Instruction 6400.2, DoD Directive 1400.13, 32 CFR part 68, DoD Directive 6025.11, DoD Directive 1015.1, and 32 CFR part 212 by conducting a thorough review of all appropriate records as described in this part.

(c) Protect children by denying or removing from employment, contract, or volunteer status any applicant or current employee who is determined unsuitable to provide child care services

because derogatory information is contained in a suitability investigation.

(d) Ensure that an individual is advised of proposed disciplinary action, decertification, or refusal to hire by the hiring authority or designee if disqualifying derogatory information is contained in a suitability investigation. The individual is given the opportunity to challenge the accuracy and completeness of reported information.

(e) Foster cooperation among the DoD Components, other Federal Agencies, State and county agencies, and other civilian authorities in conducting criminal history background checks.

§ 86.5 Responsibilities.

(a) The *Assistant Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness* shall: (1) Develop policy for conducting criminal history background checks on individuals seeking positions involving child care services.

(2) Monitor compliance with this part.

(3) Coordinate oversight of criminal history background checks as specified under this part.

(b) The *Heads of the DoD Components* shall: (1) Develop procedures to ensure compliance with the requirements of this part, in accordance with appendix A to this part.

(2) Provide oversight of process and procedures to conduct criminal history background checks to include assignment of proponentcy.

(3) Provide technical support and resources as required.

(4) Coordinate participation of specific organizations within the DoD Component involved in the conduct of the checks.

(5) Ensure that applicants and employees are made aware of their rights under 32 CFR part 310 including the right to challenge accuracy of records.

(6) Maintain the records of all individuals hired, certified, or employed under contract for positions that involve child care services for 2 years following termination of their service.

(7) Establish a mechanism to evaluate all adverse information resulting from criminal history background checks, using the criteria in appendix

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B to this part. Final suitability decisions are made by the DoD Component Head or designee.

§ 86.6 Procedures.

The records of all existing employees and applicants for positions in child care services are reviewed by the Component designee according to the procedures prescribed in appendix A to this part.

APPENDIX A TO PART 86—CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK PROCEDURES

This appendix establishes the procedures for conducting criminal history background checks on existing and newly hired individuals required by Public Law 101–647, section 231 and Public Law 102–190, section 1094. Background checks are required for all civilian providers involved in child care services who have regular contact with children. The categories of providers include current and prospective individuals hired with APF and NAFI funds for education, treatment or healthcare, child care or youth activities, and individuals employed under contract involved in the provision of child care services. In addition to the mandates of Public Law 102–190, section 1094, the Department of Defense requires that military members (except healthcare personnel), foster or respite care providers, FCC providers and family members, and specified volunteers shall have checks specified in this part.

A. Conducting Checks

Component designees shall notify existing and newly hired individuals and contractors of the requirement for a review of personnel and security records to include an FBI fingerprint check and SCHR checks of residences listed on employment and security applications.

1. *Fingerprint Check.* Law enforcement personnel shall forward completed forms through channels to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) or Defense Investigative Service (DIS) for processing of FBI fingerprint forms.

2. *State Criminal History Repository (SCHR) Check.* DoD Installation-level personnel offices, in collaboration with law enforcement and security personnel, shall process State criminal history background checks for employment and shall ordinarily communicate in writing with each State identified in appendix B to part 86, providing full identifying information on each applicant and request confirmation that the individual has not been convicted in that State of a sex crime, an offense involving a child victim, a drug felony, or a violent crime. The DoD Compo-

nent Heads may establish alternate procedures for conducting SCHR checks; e.g., a computerized, written, or telephonic check. The DoD Components are not required to wait longer than 60 days from the date of the request for a response from the SCHR personnel before taking action on a particular application. Authorities will depend on FBI fingerprint check validation if States do not respond.

3. *Installation Record Checks (IRC).* Consists of a local record check on an individual for a minimum of 2 years before the date of the application. This record check shall include, at a minimum, police (base and/or military police, security office, criminal investigators, or local law enforcement) local files checks, Drug and Alcohol Program, Family Housing, Medical Treatment Facility for Family Advocacy Program Service Central Registry records and mental health records, and any other record checks as appropriate to the extent permitted by law. A Service DCII may be conducted. The IRC shall be conducted by DoD Component personnel at the installation level. An IRC will be completed on individuals with a DoD affiliation such as living or working on an installation or is active duty member or family member. Individuals without DoD affiliation have no installation system of records to check and an IRC is not completed. Upon favorable completion of the IRC, an individual may be selected and provide child care services under line of sight supervision until the required background checks are completed.

B. Applicants

1. Appropriated Fund (APF) Applicants

a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the DoD Components shall process APF applicants using currently established procedures for completing background checks described in 32 CFR part 310. APF applicants must complete a SF–171, “Application for Federal Employment,” and attach an SF–87, “Fingerprint Chart,” completed by a law enforcement officer; and an SF–85P, “Questionnaire for Public Trust Positions” (Annotate Block “B” with code 03), for conduct of a NACL. The package shall be forwarded to the OPM.

b. The DoD Components shall assign responsibility for conducting the criminal history background checks through the SCHR to personnel offices working with law enforcement or investigative agencies. They shall conduct checks in all States that an employee or prospective employee lists as current and former residences in an employment or security application. It is deemed unnecessary to conduct checks before 18 years of age because juvenile records are unavailable. If no response is received from the State(s) within 60 days, determinations